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SUBJECT: WILLIAM BUCKLEY INTERVIEWS PRIME MINISTER VORSTER  
FOR TV.

1. AMERICAN POLITICAL COMMENTATOR WILLIAM BUCKLEY LEFT  
JOHANNESBURG FOR RHODESIA JANUARY 13 AFTER RECOODING TV  
INTERVIEWS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PERSONAGES, INCLUDING  
PM VORSTER. ARGUS NEWSPAPERS HAVE BILLED VORSTER INTERVIEW  
AS " ONE OF HIS BOLDEST PUBLIC APPEARANCES OVERSEAS."

TELEVISED DISCUSSION BETWEEN  
BUCKLEY AND VORSTER SAID TO  
HAVE BEEN " SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM THE NORMAL INTERVIEW  
SITUATION" FOR VORSTER, WHO USUALLY INSISTS ON SEEING  
QUESTION IN ADVANCE. RAND DAILY MAIL TODAY SAYS THAT IN  
"NO-HOLDS-BARRED INTERVIEW" YESTERDAY, TOPICS BELIEVED TO  
HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED INCLUDED  
BANNINGS, PROPOSED PRESS  
RESTRICTIONS AND SOUTH AFRICA'S GENERAL ELECTION.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, BUCKLEY ALSO INTERVIEWED HELEN  
SUZMAN, NATIONAL PARTY  
MP MARAIS STEYN, DR. FRANS CRONJE OF  
UNITED PARTY, LEONARD MOSALA AND LENNOX MHLONZI OF WEST RAND  
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URBAN BANTU COUNCIL, MR. L.M. MATHABATHE, SOWETO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL, AND REV. B.J. RAJUILI OF SOWETO. TELEVISED  
INTERVIEWS REPORTED LAST IN U.S. APRIL 20 ON  
BUCKLEY'S PROGRAM. " FIRING LINE."

3. IN SALISBURY BUCKLEY WILL INTERVIEW IAN SMITH. NEWSPAPERS  
SAY BUCKLEY VISITING RHODESIA AS GUEST SPEAKER AT 80TH  
ANNIVERSARY DINNER TONIGHT OF SALISBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
AND THAT EXPENSES OF BUCKLEY'S TRIP TO SOUTHERN AFRICA PAID  
BY THE CHAMBER.

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